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REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-11 remain pending in the present application. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,386,478 to Plunkett (hereinafter "Plunkett"). (See 08/09/07 Office Action, p. 2).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "the system comprising means for: obtaining, in a processing unit (103), at least one location parameter representing the location of the audio-presenting device (101) *using a wireless communication between the processing unit and the audio-presenting device.*" In contrast, Plunkett requires that the speakers be connected, via a wired connection, to the processing unit. (See Plunkett figure 1). In Plunkett, speaker location is determined via a microphone built into the remote control, which communicates with the processing unit. (See Plunkett col. 3, ll. 21-27). Thus, the speakers of Plunkett never communicate wirelessly with a processing unit as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Plunkett neither teaches nor suggests, "obtaining, in a processing unit (103), at least one location parameter representing the location of the audio-presenting device (101) using a wireless communication between the processing unit and the audio-presenting device" as recited in claim 1. Thus, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. Because claims 2, 4 and 5 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

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Similarly, claim 6 recites "obtaining, in a processing unit (103), at least one location parameter representing the location of the audio-presenting device (101) using a wireless communication between the processing unit and the audio-presenting device." Accordingly for the same reasons recited above for claim, it is respectfully submitted that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claim 6 should be withdrawn. Because claims 7, 9 and 10 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 3, 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Plunkett. (See 08/09/07 Office Action, p. 4).

Because claims 3 and 11 depend from, and therefore include all of the limitations of claim 1, and claim 8 depends from, and therefore includes all of the limitations of claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claims 1 and 6.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

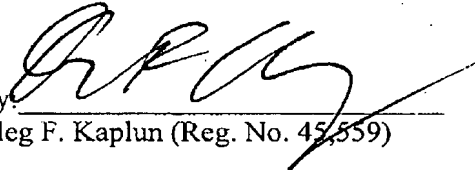
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